

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Naoki IIJIMA et al.**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2009, and having a response due date set for December 1, 2009. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.